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1. Deputy Director for
Science and Technology
Room 6E45, Headquarters

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Evan:

This relates, I imagine, to
the meeting you have with TTAC
and me at 1000 hrs 17 September.

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LOGNOTE--Chief, Production Group--16 September 1985

25X1 1. [] At the request of [] of OSWR/TTAC, Production Group is currently translating the 34-page paper "Soviet Acquisition of Militarily Significant Western Technology: An Update" into eight foreign languages: Spanish, French, Portuguese, Italian, German, Russian, Arabic and Japanese. I first heard about this request in March or April 1985, when Mr. [] called to say he had a priority request for translation. I heard no more about the request until the middle of August, when [] called again to say that the paper would be sent to FBIS "within the week." The first version of the paper reached TSS on 3 September and was distributed to the Area Divisions the same day. [] requested that the paper be handled as secret until 18 September, at which time it would be released to the public and could be treated as unclassified. He also asked that it be given top priority because of high-level interest. On 12 September TSS received a second, definitive version of the paper containing numerous changes. The second version was taken to the Area Divisions that same day. 25X1 This morning I spoke with [] and he mentioned for the first time that the DCI was very interested in the paper and had actually made some of the changes appearing in the second version. I assured him that we would do everything in our power to complete the translations as quickly as possible, but noted that because of the technical content, the difficulty and length of the document, and the fact that reverse capability is limited, it would take at least 3 to 4 weeks to complete this request. He seemed satisfied with that time frame, but noted that he would like to have the Italian version back by 27 September. I told him we would meet that deadline. Production Group currently has 19 IOs working on the translations full time.

(cc: D/FBIS, C/UD, C/NEAD, C/ELAAD, C/JPRS)

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